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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE JAN 18 2006

In re Application of:

Gregory K. Otten

Serial No.: 10/605,910

Filed: November 5, 2003

For: LARGE DIAMETER FLUSH-JOINT  
PIPE HANDLING SYSTEM§  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed September 22, 2005 for which the shortened-statutory period for response *plus a one month extension for time* is set to expire January 22, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

## AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: